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Units in Austria.

1. The 15th Tank Regt, [] was stationed in Bruck (P 49/X 77) on the Leitha River until 25 November 1950. The regimental billeting area, containing many buildings, was in a small woods southeast of the Bruck railroad station. An artillery firing range extended from this woods as far as the lake. (1) The regiment was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Ogtskazov (phonetic spelling), (fnu), and was organized into four battalions and several regimental units. (2) (3) The oldest MI of the regiment were of the 1927 class, the personnel of still older classes having been discharged. MI of the 1930 class were assigned to the regiment from a training unit. It was said among soldiers that the 1931 and 1932 classes were being inducted in the U.S.S.R. (4) The most efficient of the regiment's sergeants were trained to become officers. (5) Approximately every third soldier in the 15th Tank Regt had received training as a driver or mechanic, but the regiment had more trained drivers than motor vehicles, and the surplus drivers constituted a reserve pool. 25X1
2. The 55th Eng Regt, [] was quartered in large buildings on "Auf den Fald" near a village, a short distance from Bruck on the Leitha River. The village was a railroad terminal. The regiment trained recruits of all branches of service from the U.S.S.R. Most of the recruits were trained with the regiment's tank battalion, which also conducted five-month courses for drivers and mechanics. (6) 25X1
3. The 95th Div was engaged in maneuvers, in which the 15th Tank Regt participated, in the summer of 1950. (7)
4. The 13th Div was known to include the 45th and 46th Mecz Regts, the 32nd Regt and the 106th Iv Tank SP Regt. The 46th Mecz Regt included a battalion equipped with armored vehicles of U.S. models. (8) General Dobruk, (fnu), commanding general of the 13th Div, concluded the firing practice of the summer 1950 training program with an address, stressing that all soldiers need better training and knowledge of combat doctrines. No accidents occurred during the summer exercises. (9)

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5. A 2nd Mecz Div was also believed to be stationed in Austria. (10)

Units in the U.S.S.R.

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The replacement regiment in Lubom reassigned its soldiers to units in the Soviet Zones of Germany and Austria, except for those who came from territories formerly occupied by the Germans but including soldiers who had been evacuated to the East or who had participated in partisan fighting.

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7. The 162nd Rifle Div was known to be stationed in Vlodtsimirts (50°50'N/24°18'E) (12)

Comments.

(1) [] confirms the 15th Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div in Bruck on the Leitha River until 25 November 1950.

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(2) Lieutenant Colonel Ognasov, (fnu), was mentioned as the regimental commander []

It is thus fairly definitely established that Lieutenant Colonel Ogtskazov, or Ognasov, (fnu), is the commanding officer of the 15th Tank Regt.

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(3) The medium tank regiment of a mechanized division is organized into two or three tank battalions, one SP battalion, one SMG battalion and several regimental units.

(4) The information agrees [] that personnel of the 1930 class were serving with the unit.

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(5) [] since 1 November 1950, the Central Group of Forces in Baden has been selecting efficient sergeants to be commissioned as officers.

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The regiment is believed to be a training unit of the Central Group of Forces, since the training units of the divisions are only battalion-size.

(7) Component units of the 13th Gds Mecz Div, including the 15th Tank Regt, and elements of the 95th Gds Mecz Rifle Div were at the Doellersheim troop training grounds in the summer of 1950. They were probably engaged in joined maneuvers.

(8) The numerical designations of the component units of the 13th Gds Mecz Div are correct. The 32nd Regt is the 32nd Gds Arty Regt.

(9) Gds Major General S.A. Dobruk, (fnu), is known to be the commanding general of the 13th Gds Mecz Div.

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